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## Phase III guidelines for marinas and boatyards

In accordance with the Rhode Island Department of Health (RIDOH) [emergency regulations](#), businesses and organizations must prepare and implement a [COVID-19 Control Plan](#). A [checklist](#) and [template](#) can be found at [ReopeningRI.com](#). The state prepared a [guidance document](#) to assist businesses and organizations in meeting the requirements outlined in the RIDOH regulations. Marinas and boatyards must comply with RIDOH regulations and active [executive orders](#).

The guidelines below summarize **additional** steps Rhode Island is asking party and charter boat operators to take.

If you have any questions about this guidance, please contact Dean Hoxsie at [dean.hoxsie@dem.ri.gov](mailto:dean.hoxsie@dem.ri.gov).

### Phase III general operations

- **Security:** Marinas, boatyards and yacht clubs should remain secure so that admittance can be monitored by owners/operators.
- **Screening:** All employees and patrons should be screened prior to entry to the facility for any symptoms of COVID-19. A screening tool is available, in [English](#) and [Spanish](#), to aid with proper screening.
- **Physical Distancing:** Patrons and staff, whenever possible, should maintain six (6) feet of physical distance between themselves and others who are not part of their household, in accordance with current RIDOH guidance.
- **Gathering Sizes:** Gathering sizes should be limited in accordance with current [executive orders](#) and guidance. Patrons should not congregate on the docks, parking lots, common areas, or near other customer boats on land. Customers should go from vehicle directly to boat and back.
- **Face Coverings:** In accordance with RIDOH regulations and current executive orders, all persons (employees, patrons, and visitors) are required to wear face coverings when in areas where congregating is common or when unable to easily, continuously, and measurably maintain at least six (6) feet of distance from others. Face coverings are not required in outdoor settings for people who can easily and continuously maintain at least 6 feet of distance from other people. Signs to remind people to wear face coverings are available at <https://commerceri.com/masks/>.

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- **Cleaning Procedures:** Public areas, including high-touch points (e.g. rails, restrooms, showers, changing rooms, etc.), should be cleaned in accordance with RIDOH regulations and [CDC guidelines](#). Signage must be provided to alert users of the last official cleaning time and encourage users to clean surfaces before and after use.
- **Hand Cleaning:** All persons must have access to soap and water and/or hand sanitizer containing at least 60% alcohol at all times.
- **Food & Beverage Sales:** All food and beverage sales should follow current executive orders, regulations, and/or guidance related to restaurants.
- **Retail Sales:** All retail sales should follow current executive orders, regulations, and/or guidance related to retail stores.
- **Communication:** Signage regarding physical distancing, the use of face coverings, and other COVID-19 guidance should be posted for employees and patrons, including postings on boat ramps. Sample signs are available at [www.reopeningri.com](http://www.reopeningri.com).
- **Rafting:** The practice of rafting is strongly discouraged. Those who engage in the practice of rafting must ensure that physical distancing is maintained and follow all applicable guidance contained herein, current executive orders, RIDOH regulations, [reopeningri.com](http://reopeningri.com) guidance, and all applicable municipal laws.

